orders regarding levels of disposal of cases and channel of submission in respect of subject dealt with in the Department was carried out. After reviewing, the following action was decided:

(i) For the expeditions disposal of cases, certain areas of work were identified where level jumping was introduced, according to which the files need not be routed through all the supervisory levels of officers. The areas in which this was introduced include certain programmes like Wheat-based Nutrition, Creches and Organisational Assistance to Voluntary Organisations.

(ii) Level jumping was also introduced in areas such as issue of increment order and grant of LTC advance/car advance.

(iii) To ensure, however, that the supervisory officer whose level has been eliminated is fully aware of the action and decisions taken on the file, the file is routed through him on its return journey.

(b) A review of periodical reports by each section/Desk was also undertaken with a view to:

(i) eliminating those reports which are unnecessary;

(ii) redesigning those which do not provide information/data in usuable form;

(iii) rationalising/simplifying the essential ones by combining two or more of them, where possible; and

(iv) revising the frequency in relation to the needs with due regard to constraints of time required for collection of information/data from field levels.

Five periodical returns have been reviewed in the Department. Three rturns have been rationalised and simplified. Thei rfrequencies have also been reduced, from fortnightly to monthly in one case and from monthly to quarterly in another.

(c) All the decisions taken above are implemented.

Exodus of Indian Airlines Pilots

2711. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steady exodus of the pilots particularly of Boeing 737 Commanders creating a serious problem for the Indian Airlines;

(c) if so, whether any officiating alfor stating the number of such pilots who left the Indian Airlines during the last one year and during this year so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to redress the grievances of the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However during 1988 and 1989 (upto 31-7-89) 5 and 22 pilots respectively tendered their resignations from Indian Airlines on personal grounds. Resignations of 3 pilots have been accepted by Indian Airlines, one pilot has been dismissed and the resignations of the remaining pilots have not been accepted so far.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Indian Airlines Commercial Pilots' Association (the representative Union of pilots in Indian Airlines) and the management of Indian Airlines on 16-2-1989 for the period 1-10-85 to

31.8.1990 which provides considerable improvement in the salary and allowances of pilots. The Association has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on career pattern for pilots providing for considerable improvement in their career progression.

Functioning of Indian Embassy in Sudan

2712. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Statesman dated 3rd June, 1989 regarding the functioning of the Indian Emabssy in Sudan and the alleged misdeeds of a former Indian diplomat in that country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter has been looked into. No evidence of any misdeeds has been found.

Indian Government asked to Stop Anti-Bangladesh Conspiracy and Terrorist Activities

2713. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated 25th May, 1989 quoting debate in the Bangladesh Parliament asking the Indian Government to stop anti-Bangladesh conspiracy and terrorist activities being operated from Indian soil; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are firmly opposed to such activities being carried on from the Indian soil.

Land Illegally Occupied by the Slum Dwellers Around Major Airports

2714. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the land belonging to the Airports which has been illegally accupied by slum dwellers around the major airports namely Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Delhi and what is the percentage of rise in the slum population around these airports;

(b) what are the major problems being faced by the Airports with the steady rise in the slum population; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government so far to remove the slums around the airports in order to solve the problems and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The percentage of IAAI land illegally occupied by slum dwellers at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras Airport is 10.66, 4,377, 0.02 and 0.014 respectively. The increase of slum population at Bombay Airport is 28.55 per cent per annum. There is no increase in slum population at other airports.

(b) The unauthorised settlements cause security risk to aircraft operations, attract birds in the around the airports, give rise to rodent menace and retard the expansion of airport facilities due to scarcity of land.